

Show Me The... Records

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Topics of Discussion

- Physician Collaboration
- Documentation Guidelines
- Dissecting Medical Malpractice Cases
- How to Prevent Lawsuits



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- Regulatory / Licensure Requirements
- Dealing with High Risk Patients
- Patient Confidentiality



Physician Collaboration Ala. Code § 34-21-81(5)

A formal relationship between one or more certified registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives and a physician or physicians under which these nurses may engage in advanced practice nursing...



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The term collaboration does not require direct, on-site supervision of the activities of a certified registered nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife by the collaborating physician



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The term does require such professional oversight and direction as may be required by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing



Medical Record Documentation

Medical record documentation chronicles pertinent facts, findings, and observations about an individual's health history, including past and present illnesses, examinations, tests, treatments and outcomes



Medical Record Documentation

- Critical for physician evaluation
- Essential for continuity of care
- Must be legible, accurate and complete



What is Malpractice?

Malpractice is the failure of a professional to exercise that degree of skill and learning commonly applied by the average prudent, reputable member of the profession



What is Negligence?

Negligence is the predominant legal theory of malpractice liability. Negligence includes failure to follow up, failure to refer when necessary, failure to disclose necessary information to a patient, and failure to give necessary care



Essential Elements of a Malpractice Case

- The Nurse Practitioner owed the plaintiff a duty
- The Nurse Practitioner's conduct fell below the standard of care
- The Nurse Practitioner's conduct caused the plaintiff's injury
- The plaintiff was injured



**Dissecting A Medical
Malpractice Case**



Case Studies
Example 1
Missed Diagnosis



Case Studies
Example 2
Failure To Refer



Case Studies
Example 3
Medication Error



Case Studies
Example 4
Failure To Perform Routine Screening



**Reduce Your Risk of Being
Involved in a Medical
Malpractice Case**
Appropriate documentation and what
opposing counsel is looking for in the
records



Communications with Lawyers

- Your Lawyer
- Opposing Counsel



Tips for Handling High Risk Patients



Patient Confidentiality

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Trending Concerns



NP Statistics

- There are more than 234,000 nurse practitioners (NPs) licensed in the U.S.
- 97.7% of NPs have graduate degrees
- 89.2% of NPs are certified in an area of primary care



NP Statistics

- 95.8% of NPs prescribe medications, and those in full-time practice write an average of 23 prescriptions per day
- NPs hold prescriptive privileges, including controlled substances in all 50 states and D.C.



NP Statistics

- The majority (61.4%) of NPs see 3 or more patients per hour
- Nurse Practitioners have been in practice an average of 11 years
- The average age of NPs is 49 years



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